

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1290

By Towns

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Joe Scott upon his illustrious twenty-year baseball career in the Negro Leagues.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders and athletes of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Joe Scott, who enjoyed a twenty-year baseball career in the Negro Leagues with the Chicago American Giants, New York Black Yankees, Pittsburgh Crawfords, and the Memphis Red Sox; and

WHEREAS, the first African-American player ever to play at Wrigley Field in Chicago, Mr. Scott played alongside baseball great Satchel Paige; and

WHEREAS, while his athletic prowess on the baseball diamond was never showcased in the major leagues, Joe Scott amassed two decades of excellence in the Negro Leagues, during which time he posted an astonishing .714 batting average in a season cut short when he entered the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, considered one of the game's most consistent players for much of his career, Mr. Scott was recently featured in the documentary *Joe Scott: Memories of the Negro Leagues* that aired on February 14, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Joe Scott epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Joe Scott; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Joe Scott upon his storied twenty-year baseball career in the Negro Leagues with the Chicago American Giants, New York Black Yankees, Pittsburgh Crawfords, and the Memphis Red Sox, even as we extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.